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(C) On February 21, DCM delivered reftel demarche on HAMAS delegations to Assistant Deputy Foreign Minister Khalid Al-Akwa. DCM stressed that the USG still considered HAMAS to be a terrorist organization and would prefer that the ROYG not receive a delegation from HAMAS. DCM stressed that any future contacts with HAMAS should be used to re-enforce the conditions laid out in the Quartet statement for acceptance of a Hamas-led Palestinian Authority. Akwa agreed that there was "no future for HAMAS" if they did not "take the right way forward."

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